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## Stevens Steps into Interim President Role

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Stevens. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

Over the winter break, Hampden-Sydney saw a transition of Presidents as former President Howard ended his term on the last day of December to take a position at Robert Morris University, leaving Dr. Dennis Stevens to take the interim role as President. According to the Presidential Search Timeline, interviews are currently being conducted for Presidential candidates. From February 1st through 20th, interviews will be conducted with the top three or four candidates, and on March 1st the board will elect the next President of the college. When asked if these plans are going as scheduled, Dr. Stevens says that he has spoken to the Chairman of the Board who says that the timetable is proceeding as planned. Unfortunately, he was unable to give any other information, saying that the details of the search are entirely confidential.

Dr. Stevens says that we will likely be seeing our new President at the beginning of the next fall term. Although he or she will be elected in March, they will most likely be a President at another college, and have to finish their term. In his six months or so as interim President, Dr. Stevens does not plan to merely keep the

seat warm for the new president. Although he says that he has no plans to move into Middlecourt, Dr. Stevens says that he has lots of things that he would like to do, but he has to aim to complete the projects that can be accomplished in a short period of time. He is working on a number of “behind the scenes” finance-related projects, along with a major project with every member of the cabinet that he is trying to accomplish before the end of the semester. He is also trying to learn as much as he can about student concerns. He plans to spend a night in a residence hall and also plans to meet with a number of groups around campus to try to understand how to better improve Hampden-Sydney.

Dr. Stevens wants to say that if any students or student groups want to meet with him, they should call his office. Dr. Stevens knows that he is only in the position for a short amount of time, yet he is ready to handle and address any and all student concerns. “I am very anxious to do as much as I can in the short time frame that I have,” he added.

## Ironical Re-Christening for Fine Arts Building

David Bushhouse '19  
Staff Writer

As most students know by now, Winston Hall will soon be getting a much-needed facelift. The building—which has served the College as a library, dining hall, and a fine arts building—is set to receive general renovations to the interior, HVAC improvements, and better facilities for choral performances. Following renovations, the building is set to be renamed as “The Joseph Viar and Bonnie Christ Fine Arts Center in Brinkley Hall,” for two major benefactors and John Brinkley, an alumnus and long-time professor for the college, as well as a legendary figure in his own right among Tigers.

The 4 million dollar project, a relatively inexpensive undertaking com-

pared with most collegiate building projects, was paid for—according to the college’s Treasurer and Vice President for Business Affairs & Finance, Glenn Culley—by only a handful of large gifts. When asked why the Board of Trustees had chosen to name the building after Brinkley, Culley informed me that it was actually a major donor who suggested the name. “We had a donor that made a significant gift to [the Winston renovation], and he is an alumnus, and he wanted to honor Brinkley’s service to the college and he thought that would be a way of doing it.”

The Board of Trustees still had to approve of the name change, but, according to Professor Mary Prevo of the Fine Arts Department, “this particular generation of trustees remembers Brinkley very fondly and he

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Winston Hall will soon be known as Brinkley Hall. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

## Alumnus Declared New Chief of Police

Tyler Ward '18  
Guest Writer

Lieutenant Scott Williams of the Newport News Police Department has been serving amongst the men and women of their law enforcement community for over two decades, but he will soon be joining the Hampden-Sydney Department of Security and Police.

In Williams’s 23 years with Newport News, he has been a member of their hostage negotiations team, and was also promoted to the Acting Commander of the team as sergeant from 2003 to 2007, when he was promoted to the position of lieutenant. As lieutenant he has been the Commander of the Crisis/Hostage Negotiations team, Commander of General Investigations, and the Day and Midnight shifts for the South and Central precincts respectively. Most recently he has been Commander of the Midnight shift in the Central Precinct since 2012.

Williams attended H-SC from 1987-1991 and received a B.A. in History & Political Science. He was a

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# OPINION

## The Trump Phenomenon: Fear in American Politics

Stewart Lawrence '17  
Guest Writer

For the past few months, there has been a rather loud-mouthed, polarizing anomaly on the Republican presidential ticket. His name, of course, is Donald J. Trump and he has been raising a number of issues over the course of this election cycle. When asked why they admire such an outspoken bigot, Trump supporters have said that he was original, not afraid to say what he felt, and generally

projected a non-establishment tone. While these things might sound appealing on the surface, Trump's rhetoric holds a deeper message. As part of his many sound-bite phrases, Trump has called for the forced deportation of undocumented workers, endorsed a national registry for Muslims in the US, and has resorted to general shouting matches with other republican presidential candidates. Despite such harsh rhetoric that in any previous election would have doomed a candidate, Trump's polling numbers in both Iowa and New Hampshire have established him as the leader of the Repub-

lican gaggle. A short explanation for this could be that many of those who are politically active at this stage in the race hold the strongest views, and thus a candidate with the more radical views will be more popular. While this is partially the case, Donald Trump has tapped into something deeper than basic political activism: he has been able to tap into public fears to incite the need for any type of change.

The world we live in today does not seem to be as safe as it once was. Acts of terrorism, whether they occur domestically in San Bernardino or abroad in Paris, have shaken many Americans' sense of security at home. This has been compounded by civil protests from Ferguson to Chicago, a Congress that appears to get nothing done, and a Supreme Court bench that redefined the legal approach to marriage. In light of such turmoil, candidates like Trump who advocate for radical change can seem appealing to many. If such demagoguery is allowed to succeed, however, the established social, political, and economic system of the United States could be put into jeopardy. Fear can be a powerful motivator. It can push anyone to pursue drastic change and go beyond what they thought would be possible. Nevertheless, fear under the mask of change or progress cannot be allowed to guide the direction of our nation. If it does, there would be no limit on governmental power or function. As a fan of James Madison, I still have faith in our established political system to create effective change. Federalist #10 states that the government was created to play upon self-interest to affect legitimate and well thought out change. Supporters of Donald Trump have no faith in the system, and thus rely upon the actions of one individual to make everything better. Unfortunately, no such person exists. If there is ever going to be positive change in our nation, voters must recognize and overcome their own passions and fears to have faith in the establishment that has lasted for the last two centuries. Otherwise, I fear for the future of my generation and the United States as a whole.

## We'll Always Have Farmville: Farewell to President Howard

Alex V. Abbott '17  
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Saying goodbye to old friends and dear acquaintances is never easy to do. But in this time of transition for the College, during which we are saying goodbye to a departing President, will welcome a new President in a few months, and have plans to see buildings fall and grow as well as undergo extensive renovations, some members of the Hampden-Sydney community seem far too eager to say goodbye to Dr. Christopher Howard.

Say what you might about the man, but it is undeniable that he has impacted this campus. Between taking meals in the Commons alongside students and staff, hosting an ice cream social for all of the young guns to show up in their red pants and lime green bow ties, and an interview ("True Facts about President Howard") spanning two issues of the *Tiger*, Dr. Howard has been a significant presence on campus since taking office in 2009.

Not all of President Howard's tenure has been positive, of course. It's hard to forget the nasty election night incident from 2012. The opposition to Howard's tenure, embodied in the (often unintentionally) humorous Facebook page H-SC Alumni & Friends for a New President, was significant. The drama came to a head with a Student Senate vote of "no confidence" in the Board of Trustees (and, by extension, President Howard) during the 2014-15 school year.

And yet, despite these challenges, President Howard led us to the best of his ability, and we ought to be thankful for his leadership. While I do not see eye to eye with him on every issue (in fact, the *Tiger* has been in some hot water with the Howard Administration in the past), I wish Dr. Howard the best as he leaves our proud tradition for another school.

Thank you, President Howard, for your time, your energy, and your presence. To finish the *Casa-blanca* reference from the title of this piece, here's looking at you, kid.

## Taylor Talk Addresses Snow, President Howard Departure

Taylor Ancil '16 & Josh Taylor '16  
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The recent act of God has made us aware of the need for some sound advice on how to behave in case of a severe weather event. We are here to provide a collection of tips, ideas, and generally sound advice that we hope will be useful to you as we weather this year.

Tip #1: Stock up. You should prepare for the worst. Imagine an 8-foot snowdrift blocks your door and a car-load of Deltas are trapped in your dorm for the weekend. Be sure you have the appropriate supplies to "nourish and entertain" your guests. We recommend you take the opportunity to show some H-SC class and host them for tea, and be sure not to forget Walker's shortbread cookies.

Tip #2: Get artistic. To alleviate boredom and while away the hours, we recommend taking up some manner of artistic self-expression. As the perfect medium is readily at hand

(recall the 8-foot snowdrift), we recommend you impress the Deltas with a titillating and suggestive (but tasteful) milieu of snowmen.

Tip #3: Don't die. If you see blue sparks, run away—we're not even joking about this—but feel free to stand back and enjoy it. Drive only in the event of an actual emergency—30 empty cans is not an emergency. Stay warm—don't go exhaust yourself in the snow—again, this is where the Deltas come in.

On a serious note, we wish to comment on the departure of our President, Dr. Howard. Regardless of your stance of his leadership the last six years, it is an undisputable fact that in serving the college, he has become part of our community. We are deeply thankful for the good he has done this institution, and look forward to hearing of his good fortune elsewhere. We hope, Dr. H, that you will not forget our quirky little men's college, and when you make it big, do your part to support our institution. We wish you all the best.



President Howard bids farewell to a group of students. Photo Credit: John Dudley



## New Chief Continued

brother in Pi Kappa Alpha and played varsity football for Hampden-Sydney. He taught History and Government for one year in the City of Newport



*Gilkeson House, home to H-SC's police force. Photo Credit: hsc.edu*

News prior to joining the police force. He has been described by colleagues as a "forward thinking manager, and an outstanding leader." He is also involved in the Fraternal Order of Police, for which he currently serves as Vice President. Lieutenant Williams is described by members of the order as "a dedicated leader and organizer with superb interpersonal skills." Deputy Chief Gee said, "I've heard he's a really nice guy, and should be a good fit."

Since September 1st when former chief Jeff Brown resigned, Interim Chief Douglas Mooney has been leading the Force. Many applicants, some internal, expressed interest during the search; however, administration selected an external candidate. From 4 finalists, Williams was selected in late December to begin his term as Police Chief February 1st. His years of experience, and extensive skills as a manager, negotiator, and leader will be welcomed as the semester continues. Lieutenant Williams could not be contacted for a comment, but his return to the Hill shows a love for the College that we all share.

## Honor Code Questions Abound

*Chris Williams-Morales '17  
Copy Editor*

The new semester is upon us. But if anyone here remembered to check their email over break, they might have noticed the email about the survey involving the Honor Code. Since the Honor Code is such a notable fixture in our community, many folks wondered why the survey was sent out. As Student Court Chairman Holden McLemore outlines, the goal is "to get everyone back on the same page."

He explains, "We [the Honor Court] just want to know, Where do students stand, where do the faculty stand, and where do alumni stand?" The survey is an attempt to eliminate any misunderstandings that people have about the Honor Code.

McLemore continues his explanation, stating that many people on campus believe that "because something is a code of conduct issue *per se* like racism, and discrimination, we place less merit on that. That's not true." Through this survey, Holden hopes that the Hampden-Sydney community as a whole will be able to see their misunderstanding as just that.

The survey was created by the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty. They approached McLemore about this survey, and it has served to open up communication between the faculty and the Student Court. According to McLemore, there have been "potential fears" of the justice system and the survey will show what kinds of fears and misgivings people have. Holden claims that while "we [the student justice system] are private, we have to be private to protect ourselves, but in that privacy, there have been

breakdowns in communication." In order to improve these issues, the Committee created a survey and the Court refined it. Together, they sent out the survey to faculty, staff, and students, and they hope to gain important information from the answers provided.

The Student Court is known for its secrecy. So, for instance, when someone sees a student on campus that he or she believed had been expelled, he or she often assumes that the Court had considered the student innocent. The truth is that any number of things could have happened during or after the trial, such as an appeal, a due process error, and the like.

This survey is intended to give students a new ability to express misunderstandings and come to understand the student justice system more clearly. To ensure student participation, McLemore has extended the survey's run time until Friday, February 5th.

## H-SC Celebrates MLK Day with Speakers, Programs, Service Project

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Hampden-Sydney celebrated Martin Luther King Day with a series of events memorializing the achievements of the great man. To kick off the one-week celebration, a group of Hampden-Sydney students went to the High Bridge Trail and remembered Dr. King through a clean-up service that lasted most of the day on Saturday January 16th. Henry O'Neal '18 coordinated the event. Students went to a local tire dump near the High Bridge Trail and cleaned the dump out.

On January 18th, the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest hosted a leadership talk in the Bortz Library. At the talk a group of panelists talked about who Dr. King was and how he rose to become a well-known leader of the Civil Rights Movement. Panelists included Colonel Rucker Snead, Dr. Caroline Emmons, Assistant Dean of Students Hakeem Croom, and

Dr. Jeffrey Vogel. Col. Snead gave the audience a brief overview and timeline of the life of Dr. King. Dr. Vogel talked about King's role models and how King was able to lead with help from his Christian ethics. Dr. Emmons talked about other Civil Rights activists and how King was only one of many leaders who participated in the Civil Rights Movement. Finally Dean Croom talked about how we could become better leaders by adopting certain ideals from Dr. King.

The following day, Hampden-Sydney men marched from Longwood University to the Moton Museum and held a candlelight vigil in honor of not only Dr. King, but also the other people who were part of the Civil Rights Movement. While at the Moton Museum, marchers were able to watch a documentary about the Civil Rights Movement in Farmville and socialize with Longwood students about the documentary and about Dr. King.

On January 20, select students were able to attend the Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome seminar to learn more about slavery. Those select

students were able to meet the author of Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome, Dr. Joy DeGruy, and were able to take a copy of the book home with them.

All in all, the Martin Luther King celebration was a success as the College paid homage to the great man in a variety of ways. Dean Croom,

Dr. DeGruy, the Wilson Center, O'Neal, and the Intercultural Affairs Committee all played valuable roles in making these events happen.



*Dr. DeGruy speaks to attendees of the Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome workshop. Photo Credit: Jonathan Walkey*



# TIGER REVIEWS

## Blackstar David Bowie



It is hard, if not impossible, to write a true testament not only to the scope of David Bowie's career but also the impact that his career has already had on the world, and I dare say the centuries of impact that it will have in the future. David Bowie's final album, *Blackstar*, released on his 69th birthday, is a great album that also gives fans the benefit of the context of his death only two days later. I use the word benefit to specify that Bowie's untimely death lends fans a perspective on the album that they would not otherwise have. Certainly Bowie's death is a tragedy; however, I believe that Bowie used his last days to give the world a project that resonates with the memories of his early career and what he hopes fans will still find after his death.

The knowledge of Bowie's death

and the understanding that this is his last album lends incredible context to songs such as "Lazarus." While I believe the entire project is filled with references to dying, death, and what may lie after, I have chosen "Lazarus" as an example because it is my favorite song on the project. Featuring an ominous intro and a bassline reminiscent of "She'll Drive the Big Car", from David Bowie's 2003 album *Reality*, the lyrics are classic Bowie. The lines "Look up here, I'm in heaven / I've got scars that can't be seen" seem incredibly prophetic given his looming death at the time that these songs were written. I believe that David Bowie has always done an incredible job of staying grounded with his lyrics, even when his persona was otherworldly, such as Ziggy Stardust. This is shown here with the lyrics "Look up here, man, I'm in danger / I've got nothing left to lose / I'm so high, it makes my brain whirl / Dropped my cell phone down below," reminding the listener that even when Bowie is otherworldly, he's still concerned with things like cell phones. The ending, "Oh, I'll

be free / Just like that bluebird" is a poignant image that I feel is truly resonating, and the instrumentation continues after Bowie's vocals end.

It is truly hard to delve into the rest of the album's songs and give them the proper review they are due without taking up pages and pages. I will say here that David Bowie has never sounded better. The instrumentation is a mix of jazz and Bowie's traditional rock, and although I was skeptical when the reports first came out that Bowie would be working with a jazz trio on his latest album, I can happily say that the result is fantastic.

After listening to this album extensively, it is hard to imagine that David Bowie is gone, and that this is perhaps the last Bowie album. However, I cannot imagine an artist that has taken his imminent death and created an album that gives the listener such a unique perspective on dying, and what it means to live after death. David Bowie is dead; however, he sounds so alive on this album, and I think that is a small comfort that we can hold on to.

-Johnathan Campbell '16



## Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens



Warning: This review contains spoilers, although if you haven't seen the movie by now, I really have no sympathy for you. Like many of us, in 2012 I was extremely excited to hear that a new *Star Wars* movie was coming out, only to be dismayed by hearing that it was going to be produced by Disney. In my mind I had horrible images of the crew of the Millennium Falcon breaking into song, dancing Ewoks, and Leia being treated like a Disney princess. Because of this, along with the movies Disney has been producing lately, such as *The Good Dinosaur*, *Tomorrowland*, and the ever overhyped *Frozen*, I had very low expectations for anything that Disney was about to toss to me and millions of other fans. Because, lord knows, with a fan base as big as *Star Wars*, Disney could slap a label on a piece

of crap and fans would lick it up. So, I was rather pleased when they were able to keep the "look" and "feel" of *Star Wars* intact. I was also pleased that Solo, always a fan favorite, had such a large role before he died. I wondered whether Harrison Ford or Han Solo was going to die first, and considering Ford's plane crash a few months ago, it's nice that Ford was able to live long enough for JJ Abrams to kill Solo off properly, rather than awkwardly writing him out.

If movie manufacturers could be sued for plagiarism, I would sue Disney for this movie. Throughout the film, I felt like I was re-watching *Episode IV: A New Hope* with components of other movies thrown in. With an even bigger Death Star that is still able to be destroyed by a single fighter, an even more pale and angsty teenage villain (who was somehow able to get ahold of Darth Vader's helmet), and a lonely desert dweller who leaves home and is taught the force by one of the older generation, this

film seemed to lack a lot of originality.

Another thing which bugged me, and a lot of other fans, was Rey's extremely rapid character growth. Unlike other *Star Wars* movies, which mainly featured white males, the new movie features a black male and a white woman. And while more diverse characters are certainly welcome, Rey's strong female character seems to be rather exaggerated. In the beginning of the movie, Rey was not aware that she was force-sensitive, and by the end of the movie she was able to competently hold off Kylo Ren, a practiced user of the Force. Use of

the Force is generally something that takes individuals years to learn and refine, although Rey was able to gain this ability in a relatively short amount of time. I have searched for an answer to this, and have received none other than "rebellion against the patriarchy."

Despite the *Star Wars* "feel" that was preserved in this movie, Disney could not resist adding in a bit of "feel good" lesson teaching moments. Most noticeable is the fight at the end when Kylo Ren takes on Finn and Rey. Despite having never handled a light saber before, Finn is able to fend off Kylo Ren, even though in all fair-

ness he should have been sliced into little traitor bits. This goes to show, children, that you can grow up to be whatever you want, and that perseverance and determination always beat evil, no matter its flowing hair.

Overall, I felt the movie was good, but I didn't leave the theatre with the satisfied feeling when I watch a great movie. The plotline was reused, the bad-guys were a little pathetic, the good-guys were unrealistic, and they killed Han Solo. However, they didn't have Jar-Jar Binks in this movie, so for that, I give it a 4/5.

-Traylor Nichols '17





# Achievement Unlocked: Video Games for Charity

*Auberon Crocker '18  
Staff Writer*

This past November, Maryska Connolly-Brown, Technical Services Librarian, teamed up with Hampden-Sydney's Chess and Strategy club to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospital through a 24 hour gaming marathon. The marathon, known as "Extra Life," is a nationwide event where gamers play video games in an effort to raise awareness and

money for children hospitals. This is first year that Hampden-Sydney has participated in the event, thanks in large part to Connolly-Brown, who brought the idea to Hampden-Sydney after doing it for five years in Augusta, Georgia. The event was held in the library on November 5th with various console, card, and board games in the Technology corner of the Library. The gamers streamed some of the games they played throughout the course of the day through the internet gaming streamer Twitch, who helped sponsor and spread news about the event. According to Connolly-Brown, four-

teen Hampden-Sydney students and faculty combined to raise "a little over \$1,500." The team, the Garnet and Grey Gamers, was very pleased with the amount that was raised in the long but "very fun" event and are hoping for an even bigger turnout and donation next year. As Connolly-Brown said, "I think next year we will probably have even more people interested because they've seen the event and we can advertise it more." So next year when Extra Life comes around, be sure to sign up for a full day of any games you can think of to help raise money for children's hospitals.

## Winston Hall Continued

certainly was at every single baseball game ever played on campus, and he knew...everyone in your family who had ever set foot on campus. So, I can certainly understand why they want to put his name on a building."

Brinkley, although fairly neutral in his book, *On This Hill*, a history of the college, remained a non-vocationalist during his career at the college. One professor clarified Brinkley's position: "It was a different philosophy at the time. Music History and Art History, those were OK. You know, looking at a painting and saying who did that and what is it called. It was the art and music classes; those weren't liberal arts, those were vocations." According to Prevo, "[Brinkley] didn't particularly support studio arts or theatre or performance.... He didn't support the idea of performance art making it in the curriculum."

When asked if the name change was a bit ironic, considering Brinkley's objection to studio arts, Glenn Culley replied, "You could probably say that," chuckled for a moment, and continued, "You could probably say that, but this donor wanted to recognize him in a meaningful way and have his [Brinkley's] name on a building."

About the name change, Prevo spoke of Winston Hall: "It was named for a professor, so naming it for another professor seems appropriate. I mean, no one knows who Winston is anymore. That being said, I worked with professor Brinkley as a trustee of the museum—he was on the museum board as well—so I knew him in that regard and I knew him as a teacher. I have no problem with the building being named after him. So...I'm not sure what he would have thought."

Irony and legacy aside, however, every Fine Arts professor I spoke to expressed that she was pleased to have the renovations regardless of what name went on the building. Prevo noted in jest that her first response to the new name was "Will it fit [on the sign]?" Time will tell what students call the building colloquially, but regardless, arts students and professors will be pleased with the renovations, and all will be pleased to honor and remember Professor Brinkley in this way.



*Eggleston Hall will soon be brought down. Photo Credit: Jonathan Walkey*

## Looking Back on Eggleston

*Jacob Mitchell '18  
Staff Writer*

Eggleston Hall has graced the campus of Hampden-Sydney College for nearly fifty-five years. The now-vacant former library was dedicated on Homecoming Saturday, October 28, 1961. Find below an article taken from the *Tiger*, published Friday, October 27, 1961, the day before the Eggleston Hall dedication:

### **Colgate W. Darden To Dedicate The New Eggleston Library at Home- coming Saturday**

The dedication of the Eggleston Library will be held this Saturday in Johns Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. before an expected capacity crowd. Coming to Hampden-Sydney to make the dedicatory address will be the Honorable Colgate W. Darden, former governor of Virginia and former president of the University of Virginia.

Dr. Darden has led a full life of public service: a partial listing of his achievements as found in *Who's Who in America* is as follows:

Born Colgate W. Darden in Southampton County, Va., on February 11, 1897, he holds the A.B. degree from the University of Va., the M.A. and L.L.B. degrees from Columbia University, and studied at Oxford University under a Carnegie Fellowship. He has served for two terms on the Virginia General Assembly and represented the Second District of Virginia 73rd, 74th, 75th, and 77th sessions of Congress from which he resigned to run for governor of Virginia in 1941. He held the office of governor from 1942 till 1946 and in 1947 assumed the office of president of the University of Virginia. After his resignation in 1959 he took up the practice of law in Norfolk where he is living now. Also during his life he has served in the United States Marines, the French Army, and has been the United States delegate to the tenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In an exclusive interview with Dr. Darden, the *Tiger* was able to gain in-

formation about his address this Saturday as well as some interesting opinions on Hampden-Sydney College.

The address tomorrow will deal with the service of Dr. Eggleston to Hampden-Sydney as well as the growth of the library through history and its effect on institutions of learning. Dr. Darden feels that the library was the egg from which the universe "hatched," the idea being that where there was a sizeable collection of books, scholars would gradually begin to assemble, and later students came to learn from these men. By this process of evolution the college came into being.

Dr. Darden is no stranger to Hampden-Sydney College; in fact he holds the honorary degree of L.L.D. from the college.

He reported that his regard for Hampden-Sydney was quite high, feeling that it is a "stout liberal arts school" which is resisting the tendency to specialize that has become as popular at some of our institutions of higher learning. Dr. Darden feels that specialization should come in graduate school, not in the undergraduate level.

When asked if he felt that Hampden-Sydney was making significant strides to improve itself by its building program currently underway, Dr. Darden replied that he felt it was, but emphatically added that beautiful buildings were quite secondary to good professors and a strong school spirit. Dr. Darden, however, reflects student opinion when he adds that the Eggleston Library is a "first rate" building.

In concluding the interview Dr. Darden was asked if he thought that the small church sponsored college such as Hampden-Sydney can continue to do a credible job of turning out high quality undergraduates in today's world of the large university. His answer was strongly in the affirmative with the addition that he felt that Hampden-Sydney was going to grow in the next few years; indeed, that we as a college have underestimated our growth rate for the future.

It is indeed an honor to have a man of the quality and achievement of Dr. Darden visit the Hill, and we extend to him a most cordial welcome.





# TIGER SPORTS

## Tiger Hoops Endures Lengthy Stretch of Games, Surges into New Year with Nail Biters



*Freshman Drew Evans (left) and Senior Mike Murray (right) put up shots over Emory & Henry College defenders. Photo Credit: H-SC Athletics*

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The Hampden-Sydney basketball team did not take a long break once the fall semester concluded. Players and coaches had to focus on holiday tournaments and other games heading into the spring semester. The academic break provided the team with an exciting stretch of games that included a six game winning streak.

We pick up the action from December 19, 2015, the first day of the annual Luck Stone Holiday Classic at Fleet Gym. The Tigers took on Immaculata University and went on to win in a convincing fashion, 95-61. Junior guard Jake Duncan (Williamsburg, VA) led the Tiger offense with 17 points and sophomore forward Gui Guimarães (Ri-

beirão Preto, Brazil) had 6 rebounds. The entire team had a 62.9% performance from the free throw line.

The next day in the championship game, H-SC took on Albright College and won 69-53. Once again, Jake Duncan led the offense with 24 points and Gui Guimarães had 8 rebounds. Duncan and freshman guard Andrew Evans (Raleigh, NC) led the team from the free throw line as they were 3-4 and 2-2, respectively.

Nine days later the Tigers were back on the court to take on Birmingham Southern College at Fleet Gym. The Tigers managed to hold off Birmingham Southern, and take home the victory 76-62. Andrew Evans had 19 points for the Tigers while Gui Guimarães continued to tally up rebounds, taking home 7 in this game. Senior point guard Mike Murray (Norfolk, VA) went 6-8 from the charity stripe.

A new year arrived, and 2016 began

with the team in Baltimore, Maryland for the Johns Hopkins Blue Jay Invitational. In the opening game on January 2, H-SC took on Rosemont College in a close game that kept the Tigers in check. Luckily, the Tigers held on to win 65-62 thanks to an impressive team effort. Andrew Evans had 16 points, juniors Jake Duncan and JaVonte Reddick (Richmond, VA) each had 8 rebounds, and Evans went 5-7 from the charity stripe.

The win against Rosemont placed H-SC in the championship game against hosts Johns Hopkins. This was a tight game that had to be decided in overtime, and the Tigers came away victorious, 75-70. Andrew Evans led the scoring with 15 points while sophomore forward Josh Katowitz (Raleigh, NC) had 8 rebounds, and Evans was a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line.

Just a few days later on January 6, H-SC faced off against archrivals

Randolph-Macon in a tough game. Unfortunately, Randolph-Macon snapped H-SC's six game winning streak with the final score 75-68. Jake Duncan led the Tiger offense with 16 points and Josh Katowitz had 6 rebounds. The loss was not worthless as Mike Murray eclipsed 1000 career points in the game.

On January 9, the Tigers hosted Shenandoah University in the first game of the new year at Fleet Gym. It was a dominant win for the Tigers, 65-42. Jake Duncan had 15 points and Gui Guimarães had 7 rebounds. Mike Murray led the team in free throws with his perfect 4-4 performance.

Once classes resumed on January 13, the team traveled to Roanoke College for a matinee matchup against the Maroons. It was a high-scoring affair that saw the Tigers knock out the Maroons 100-92, which also caused Roanoke to fall out of the

top 25 poll. Gui Guimarães led the offense with 17 points and Andrew Evans had 6 rebounds. Mike Murray once again had a good performance at the charity stripe, as he was 5-8.

H-SC returned to Fleet Gym on January 16 for a Saturday matinee against Washington & Lee University. It was a close game, but thanks to a second half resurgence, the Tigers came back from a 10 point halftime deficit to win 69-63. Jake Duncan had a breakout game with 28 points and Gui Guimarães had 6 rebounds. Duncan and Mike Murray were the leaders from the free throw line thanks to their 4-4 and 6-7 respective efforts.

The momentum from the win over W&L carried over to the January 20 matchup against Randolph College. However, a last-second bucket by Randolph sent the Tigers home with a 57-55 loss. Senior forward Mitch Owens (Williamsburg, VA) had 13 points and Jake Duncan had 8 rebounds. Sophomore forward Nick Chase (Wilmington, NC) and Gui Guimarães led the team from the free throw line as they were 4-4 and 2-2, respectively.

The snow storm pushed the game against Eastern Mennonite to January 25. It turned out to be an incredible game for the Tigers, as they managed to overcome an 8-point deficit in the final two minutes for a 74-73 victory. Mike Murray had a classic game with 24 points and Gui Guimarães had 11 rebounds.

At press time, the game against Guilford had not been played, and it will be covered in the next issue. For those who cannot wait, please refer to [hscathletics.com](http://hscathletics.com) for the latest scores, updates and news regarding the basketball season. The team will hit the road on January 30 to face Bridgewater, and they will return to Fleet Gym on February 4 to host Lynchburg College.

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## The Official 2016 Spring Lacrosse Preview

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As the snow melts and the temperature warms, on rushes the beginning of the spring season for the Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse team. While the final season of Coach Ray Rostan's illustrious 32-year career at Hampden Sydney has garnered much well-deserved attention, the current focus is the journey ahead of this team this season. As it is often said with the lacrosse program here at Hampden-Sydney, there are many things to look forward to. Since Coach Rostan's arrival on campus, the Tigers have won 4 ODAC Championships, made 7

NCAA Tournament appearances, had 158 All-ODAC performers, 65 All-Americans, and 7 USILA Scholar All-America selections. This year, nothing more is wanted by the team than to add to these already staggering numbers in Coach Rostan's final year.

This year's squad is made up of 47 student athletes who are led by an 8-man senior class. Three seniors, Kyle Fraser, Jake Koferl, and Thomas Passenant, were voted as captains and, according to Coach Rostan, "have contributed to much of the team's effort and brought excellent leadership." However, these men are supported by Kevin Wilhelm, Aaron Hales, Tyler Sullivan,

Hunter Guttendorf, and Paul Ross, who have also made an impact leading this team into the upcoming season.

While the Tigers may have lost senior leadership and major contributors on the offensive end since last year's campaign, there are plenty of men ready to step in the footsteps of those before them. Contributions from returning starters taking on larger roles and those ready to write their own stories of their careers will be essential to this team's success. Coach Rostan believes that all the men on this team are ready for that task. He was adamant and thorough mentioning players at all positions who are ready to make a big splash this year and contribute

to this team on the offensive, defensive, and goaltending side of the game.

Everything that Coach Rostan had to say continued to praise the work ethic, tenacity, toughness, and the quality of men on this team. With 17 regular season games, a face off against National Finalist Lynchburg College, and the ever-competitive ODAC slate, with five teams ranked in the preseason Top 20 poll, the Tigers will have plenty of opportunities to prove themselves and they plan on doing that. Senior Defensive Midfielder Kevin Wilhelm said about the upcoming season, "Our schedule is set up for us to prove ourselves and we're going to give it our

all to make a splash and shock some people. The team goal this year is to be in position to make a playoff run and win an ODAC championship."

From all that Coach Rostan has said, and the energy that has been radiating in the Kirk Athletic Center since the fall semester, this team is ready to make that run. This team is poised to make a run at an ODAC title and an NCAA tournament run, and that should be an incredibly exciting prospect for everyone on campus. When a group of men are all on the same page and truly driven to be their best, great things happen; that is what we should expect from the 2016 Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse team: great things.

## Baseball Looks to Bounce Back from Frustrating 2015

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From the frigid temperatures of the recent blast of winter weather, spring sports emerge. Among them is the return of Hampden-Sydney Baseball to the diamond. After a disappointing 2015 season which the Tigers finished with an 11-21-1 record, H-SC enters 2016 with renewed hopes. Behind the leadership of a strong senior class, the Tigers will look to improve on their 2015 conference record of 8-12 and reach loftier goals by defeating their ODAC foes.

H-SC was led by strong pitching in 2015, and that trend looks likely to continue heading into the new season. Among the returning standouts is senior Reggie Johnson (Dunnsville, VA), who led the team in both innings pitched (54.2) and was second in earned run average (2.63). Other returning arms include seniors Teddy West (Lanexa, VA) and Matt Hinson (Kinston, NC).

The Tigers will be led in the batter's box by several returning stars as well. Senior infielders John Lloyd (Glen Allen, VA) and Lee Carneal (Charlottesville, VA) both finished in the top five on the team in terms of hits recorded, with 35 and 32 respectively. Sophomore Ryan Haynie (Melfa, VA) and senior Jackson Rogers (Sterling, VA) were among the leaders in batting average and on-base percentage last season, and will be relied on to get the offense going again.

Junior outfielder Michael Flanagan (Moseley, VA) offered his thoughts on the team and their goals for the coming season. On the team's mindset heading into the new year, he noted that "the team is extremely excited and has a high level of energy that creates a fun environment." Flanagan also said that the team possesses "an intensity that should translate to success on the field."

On the team's goals for the 2016 season, Flanagan stated that "the goal is to compete for an ODAC title, as it is every year, and I believe we have

the talent and the drive to do that." On both personal and team improvements during the offseason, he mentioned a focus on "weightlifting, becoming stronger and faster," as well as

continued "hitting and conditioning."

Hampden-Sydney Baseball will open the season on Saturday, February 6th inside Ty Cobb Ballpark-Wurdeman Stadium against Ferrum.

The Tigers will then hit the road for a doubleheader at Ferrum and a visit to Christopher Newport, before returning home for a doubleheader against Stevenson on Saturday, February 13th.



*As the snow melts and temperatures rise, Tiger baseball prepares for the 2016 season. Photo Credit: H-SC Athletics*